

Instructions.

It gives me great satisfaction in welcoming you that our Army's power has been increased greatly with the advent of the fresh and active troops of the 33rd and 34th Divisions coming into our fold.

Though methinks the central area has already been subdued, beaten foes still stir and continue to offer resistance to us. Therefore, our Army should be said to be burdened with the important duty of bringing its energy to bear upon fracturing the enemy's intent to continue war against us, and the reliance I place upon the bravery and vigour of the Army under my command is indeed great.

Our officers and men are about to start for the central district of Wuchang and Hankow inclusive that they may occupy long-sought posts of importance. You, officers and men, should perfect an adamant, unbroken union among you all while you are all fresh and in high spirits, and commanders of all grades and subordinates should avail themselves of every opportunity to attain perfection in practical discipline and training till at length your fighting strength is increased. At the same time you should familiarize yourselves with the actual situation and leave nothing to be desired in rising to the occasion.

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This commander has ever emphasized his desire that our military forces should raise their dauntless morale under sublime military discipline fixing in their minds the true purpose of the holy war, aimed at overthrowing Chiang while treating with love and benevolence the people of China. Taking this opportunity, the commander repeats the same desire to both groups which have arrived at this time.

In conclusion, this commander heartily wishes that you men and officers will soon adapt yourselves to the climate ever maintaining full vigor of soul and body and will materialize initial glory since the formation of the groups, creating a splendid and honorable tradition.

On this 10 day of April, 1939

OKAMURA, Naaji, Commander of the
RO Group.

Certificate of Source and Authenticity

I, who occupied the post of Staff Officer of the 11th Army at the time, hereby certify that the document hereto attached, written in Japanese, consisting of one page and entitled "Instructions" is a document which was drawn up at the Headquarters of the 11th Army on April 10th, the 14th year of Showa (1939).

certified at Tokyo,

on this 27th day of February, the 22nd
year of SHOWA (1947)

AMANO, Shoichi (seal)

I, hereby certify that the above signature and seal were affixed hereto in the presence of the Witness.

at the same place,

on the same date

Witness: MORIYAMA, Toshio (seal)

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TRANSLATION CERTIFICATE

I, YUKIO Kawamoto, of the Defense Language Branch,
hereby certify that the foregoing translation described in
the above certificate is, to the best of my knowledge and
belief, a correct translation and is as near as possible
to the meaning of the original document.

/s/ Yukio Kawamoto

Tokyo, Japan

Date 21 April 1947

"Instructions of OKAMURA, Naiji"

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昭和十四年四月十日

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